

By Mr. Kollios of Millbury, petition of Paul Kollios that the Department of Correction be required to report all cases of seclusion and restraint. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF ALL SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 21 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the twelfth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:
4 A copy of the restraint form and any such attachments shall
5 become part of the chart of the patient. Copies of all restraint
6 forms and attachments shall be sent to the Commissioner of
7 Mental Health, or with respect to Bridgewater State Hospital to
8 the Commissioner of Correction, who shall review them within
9 thirty days, and statistical records shall be kept thereof for each
10 facility including Bridgewater State Hospital, and each designated
11 physician. Furthermore such reports, excluding patient
12 identification, shall be made available to the general public at the
13 department's central office, or with respect to Bridgewater State
14 Hospital at the Department of Correction's central office.

